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In re Application of:  
Jeffrey A. ZIMMERMAN et al.

Serial No.: 09/758,830

Filing Date: January 11, 2001

Title: CONTROLLER FOR SALT  
DOSAGE FOR A WATER  
SOFTENER AND METHOD OF  
REGENERATING A WATER  
SOFTENER

Patent Application

Group Art Unit: 1724

Examiner: I. Cintans

Confirmation No.: 8534

Customer No.: 28465

Commissioner for Patents  
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**NOTIFICATION OF EXTENSION OF TIME**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

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Applicant hereby takes an Extension of Time for responding to the Office Action  
dated August 13, 2003 for two months from November 13, 2003 to January 13, 2004.

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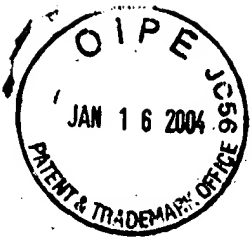
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Attention:

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith, for filing, are the following:

1. Notification of Extension of Time;
2. Check in the amount of 420.00 (2 month extension fee); and
3. Return postcard acknowledging receipt.

A Divisional Application claiming priority to the captioned application was filed today, January 13, 2004.

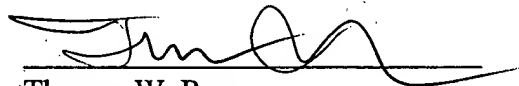
An Office Action for this matter was mailed on August 13, 2003.

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The Applicants attach a Notification of Extension of Time to Respond to the outstanding Office Action. The Notification is being filed so as to maintain the co-pendency of the captioned application for the above noted Divisional Application. However, the subject parent application is to be abandoned subsequent to maintaining the noted co-pendency.

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